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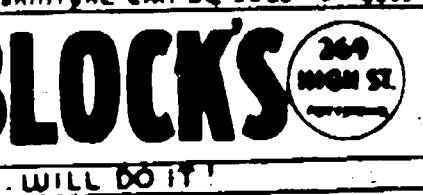
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Crushing Defeat Is Handed Communism in Berlin Ballot

85% OF VOTERS TURN OUT TO REBUFF SOVIETS

Blockaded City's Citizens Ignore Russian Warning Not to Cast Their Votes

BERLIN, Dec. 5 (AP)—Moscow Communism suffered an overwhelming defeat 100 miles behind Russia's iron curtain tonight in a free election unique in political history.

Told not to vote by Soviet leaders, 84.7 percent of blockaded Berlin's eligible voters trooped to the polls in cold and fog and chose the West over the East.

Official figures showed that 1,343,514 out of 1,586,000 eligible voters in the Western sectors went to the polls.

Before the municipal balloting, anti-Communist leaders estimated that an 80 percent turnout would be considered a severe setback for Russia and the German Communists.

THE AMERICAN SECTOR provided the highest percentage of participation—88.9. There were 774,578 eligibles and 688,662 voted. In the British sector the turnout was 85.1 percent, with 410,095 voting out of 481,515 eligibles. The French sector trailed with 74.3 percent—24.75 voting out of 329,497 eligibles.

The election result assumed international importance because it is the only one which the Western powers could assure being free behind Soviet barriers across Europe. The large turnout was a dramatic demonstration against Communist totalitarianism.

The Communists boycotted the election and the Russians barred any balloting in the Soviet sector of the city.

A SMASHING SOCIALIST victory seemed assured with approximately 80 per cent of the vote counted. An Associated Press unofficial compilation of the vote with about 80 per cent of the city's precincts reporting, gave the following totals:

Social Democrats (Socialist) 682,172.

Christian Democrats (Conservative pro-church) 209,552.

Liberal Democrats (Conservative) 173,283.

2 Killed, 25 Injured As Grid Team's Bus Plunges Off Highway

GRANTS PASS, Ore. Dec. 5 (AP)—A chartered bus carrying home the Oregon State High school championship football team plunged off Highway 99 near here tonight, killing two players and injuring 25 others.

The bus burned and the boys and coaches had to break their way out through the windows.

The tragedy occurred within five miles of the Grants Pass High school were an estimated 1000 school boosters and parents gathered to cheer the squad home.

The two players killed were tentatively identified as Al Newman, a star halfback, and Sterling Heater. They were burned to death.

Five of the players and student team representatives are in a hospital.

HIGH SCHOOL Principal Frank Thomas said the others suffered slight burns, minor cuts and abrasions and were sent home after treatment at the Josephine hospital.

The injured include star halfback Vern Craft, who suffered a back injury; Ray Alpert, who has a fractured leg; Russ Jacobson, who had a leg tendon severed; Jim Preckham and Bob Grase, the team's star quarterback.

Coach Jess Loffer, who was aboard the bus, said none of the boys who escaped got out through the doors.

THE WEATHER For Eastern Pennsylvania: Mostly cloudy and windy with occasional rain this morning turning colder this afternoon. Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Partly cloudy and rather cold tomorrow.

55 Mercury 31
High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a.m.	28° 4 p.m.	54
5 a.m.	37° 5 p.m.	53
6 a.m.	36° 6 p.m.	53
7 a.m.	35° 7 p.m.	52
8 a.m.	34° 8 p.m.	52
9 a.m.	33° 9 p.m.	51
10 a.m.	30° 10 p.m.	51
11 a.m.	43° 11 p.m.	52
12 m.	36° 12 p.m.	52
1 p.m.	32° 1 p.m.	52
2 p.m.	34° 2 p.m.	53
3 p.m.	31° 3 p.m.	52
4 p.m.	28° 4 p.m.	54

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Loses Fight With Dread Disease



Mrs. Dorothy McKenna, 28-year-old polio victim who won the nation's heart with her grueling cross-country auto trip, died last night in Denver. She had traveled across the nation from New Jersey after her doctor told her the climate would be better for her.

37 U. S. Airmen Missing On Plane Lost in Pacific

HONOLULU, Dec. 5 (AP)—A C54 Air Force transport carrier with 37 men aboard—30 passengers and seven crewmen—went down in the Pacific 1000 miles southwest of Honolulu shortly before dawn today.

The Pacific Air command reported the plane belonged to the 37th Troop Carrier squadron. It was one of five carrying 155 ground personnel of the 98th Bomb group from Okinawa to Spokane, Wash.

The Air command here said Kauai had confirmed the plane carried 30 passengers and seven crew members.

Three other troop carriers landed their passengers at Johnston island, 715 miles southwest of Honolulu, and then took off to join the search for their lost companions.

The fourth carrier, alerted while en route to Johnston, searched the route vainly before putting in to that tiny remote base.

Efforts were being made to check Kauai, the plane's last stop, for a crew and passenger list.

THE 98th BOMB GROUP personnel were returning to their base after a three-month special training period.

The C54 was believed at command headquarters to be the first of its famous reliable type ever lost in the Pacific.

Authorities sent out 18 planes to search for the missing sky master. Only two had reached the search area by early afternoon.

The Navy said the PC1141, (Continued on Page Eleven)

Red Probe Evidence Is 'So Important' It May Be Kept Secret

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (P)—Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) said tonight new evidence which the House un-American activities committee has uncovered is "so dammably important" that it may be unwise to make it public.

Nixon said he will urge the committee, of which he is member to call in former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles as well as present department officials to appraise the effect on international relations if the documents should be disclosed.

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Saturday's 59 Equals All-Time High for Day

Pottstownians may develop a Southwark drawl pretty soon if the current heat wave sticks.

The mercury hit 59 Saturday afternoon, tying the all-time record for the day, and yesterday rose to 55 and stayed above the 50 mark until well after midnight.

The heat may be the buster before we get a taste of a violent Midwestern storm which has brought billions of snow and near-zero temperatures to the corn belt, the weatherman said. The storm is moving northeast.

The forecast for today is windy, occasional rain and cooler this afternoon; tomorrow: partly cloudy and colder.

New officers will take over immediately after they are elected to-day.

Special Christmas shopping schedule will be announced at today's session. Stores will be open for late shoppers until 9 o'clock on Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

They will be closed at 5:30 o'clock Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Pottstown School Board To Reorganize Today

The Pottstown school board will meet in the Junior High school at 12:15 p.m. today for the annual reorganization session.

President George D. Robins and the vice president, the Rev. Dr. Gustave W. Weber, are slated for re-election to their posts. No other officers will be chosen.

The board will hold its reorganization meeting, expected to last only a few moments, adjourn for lunch and then have its regular December meeting, normally held at night.

THE INDUSTRIALIST also spoke (Continued on Page Seven)

HEAD-ON CRASH INJURES FIVE ON W. HIGH STREET

Vehicle Heading Out Of Service Station Forces Car Into Opposite Lane

Five people were injured, three slightly, in a head-on collision near John D. Gauger's service station, West High street, shortly after midnight yesterday.

Mrs. Thelma Dautrich, 31, and Mrs. Lillian Matter, 48, both of Reading, suffered cuts and bruises of the body. Mrs. Matter was X-rayed for a possible fracture of the left hip, while Mrs. Dautrich also had possible back injuries.

Mrs. Matter's husband, R. W. Samuel Matter, 49, the driver of the car in which the women rode, was taken by a passing motorist to Pottstown hospital, where he was given dispensary treatment for cuts of the face.

Another occupant, Robert Dautrich, 45, of West Lawn, also went to Pottstown hospital, as did Donald Skean, 16, of Pottstown RD 3, the driver of the other car.

Skean had a cut hand and brush burns of the face. Dautrich had a laceration of the lip. Neither required admission.

MATTER, WEST BOUND on Route 422, collided with Skean, who was driving toward Pottstown.

Skean told police he did not see Matter's car coming before the collision.

Police said a car sped from the service station driveway, heading west. When Matter saw it he swerved to avoid a collision, and ran head-on into Skean's car.

Both cars had to be towed to a repair shop, with the complete front of Skean's and the entire left front section of Matter's smashed.

Motor Patrolman Lewis M. Borgett and Patrolman Paul W. Bridgeman investigated.

The injured persons taken to Memorial hospital arrived in a Good Will ambulance by Harold H. Wentzel.

FENDERS WERE denied in a collision on High street, between Evans and Charlotte streets, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Leo Camp, of Reading, and Mrs. Elia Canardise, of Philadelphia, were the drivers.

The right rear fender and bumper of Camp's car and the left rear fender of the Canardise vehicle were damaged in the side-swiping accident.

Patrolman Robert Scheidt investigated.

He bases his observations on data gathered in France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and England in 1947, and upon similar visits to Holland and Belgium, as well as France, England and Germany this year.

The study of countries and peoples is a familiar task to Vandercoock. As a reporter, explorer, and author, he traveled through, or lived in, 78 different countries.

VANDERCOOK BEGAN traveling three weeks after he was born. His first journey was from London back to the United States where both sides of his family had lived since the early 1700's. His father, John F. Vandercoock helped to found the United Press and became its first president. His mother, Margaret O'Bannon Vandercoock, is a novelist and author of many books for girls.

After a year at Yale university, Vandercoock decided to become an actor, but the usual waits which space out such a career proved too discouraging. He then turned to newspaper work.

He served first on the Columbus (Ohio) Citizen, and from there went on to other newspapers in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md. Later in New York, his formal education.

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Mercantile Bureau To Choose Officers

Four officers will be nominated and elected at a meeting of the Mercantile bureau in the Elks' home at 12:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Hilary Mismer, chairman of the nominations committee said last night that the nominations were not yet closed.

Albert C. Shute is retiring chairman while Warren F. DeLong now is vice chairman.

Mismer, treasurer, and Ralph H. Spate, secretary, are slated to be re-elected to their positions for another year.

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MAISIE THE MOO JUST LIKE A SCHMOO

By HARRY TOLAND (Mercury Staff Writer)

Parting is such sweet sorrow, but Maisie, pet Guernsey cow of the Isett family, Saylor's Mill, near Parkerford, hasn't made it any easier.

It was tough enough when the Isetts, and particularly 73-year-old Abraham Isett, who was her sole guardian and caretaker, decided to sell Maisie and her unborn calf.

But when the Isett's one and only cow mothered twins six hours before her departure that was the unkindest cut of all.

Of course, the family threw in

Polio Drive Girl



Heart Attack Is Fatal to H. C. Lessig

H. Clinton Lessig, 83, of Philadelphia, former Pottstown tax collector, committeeman, fraternalist and secretary of the Montgomery County Fair association, died suddenly at his home early Saturday afternoon.

He was found lying on the floor of the basement, where he collapsed of a heart attack, by his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Watts, with whom he resided.

A native of Pottstown who lived here until 24 years ago, Mr. Lessig served for many years before the turn of the century as Democratic committeeman for the West ward.

In the 1890's, he served for two full terms as borough tax collector. His headquarters were at the rear of the leather store at 222 High street, owned by his father, Charles W. Lessig, who had been a Democratic councilman.

The son served for several years during this period as secretary of the county fair, which was held around the mile track at Mill park.

It was his task to direct the financial and booking arrangements of the Pottstown fair, which drew farm products exhibitors, owners

Allies Rap Red Berlin Regime As Contrary to U.N. Wishes

PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Western powers charged tonight Russia directly disregarded the expressed wish of the president of the United Nations Security council by setting up a "pump government" in Berlin which will make the establishment of a single currency for Berlin "extremely difficult."

The charge was contained in a British-American-French memorandum made public here shortly after the polls closed in the municipal elections held in Berlin's three western sectors.

The memorandum was submitted to the currency experts of the six "neutral" members of the security council who are studying the Berlin currency problem.

Western power sources said the document was intended to bring the experts up to date on developments since the past June.

The memorandum contained three pages of general comment and seven pages of chronology citing specific instances in which the western powers charged Russia failed to co-operate with the four-power administration in Berlin.

Meanwhile, belief grew in maritime circles that a drifting World War II mine sank the refugee ship Kiangya in the Yangtze estuary Friday night. Earlier rumors had blamed Communist sabotage.

This larger disaster, rating as probably the greatest single-ship tragedy of modern times, was said to have involved an unidentified merchant ship which was evacuating elements of the government's 32d army from Yingkow.

It was not announced by the military, but the sources said word trickled into Nanking that the cruiser burst, scorching off ammunition and killing all on board.

THE YINGKOW EVACUATION fleet was under

U.S. TO CARRY ISRAEL FIGHT IN U.N. PLEA

Plans Vigorous Drive To Have Jewish State Accepted as Member

PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP)—United States sources said today the American delegation would fight hard for Israel's admission to the United Nations this week.

It was a race against time, however, since the U.N. assembly enters the final week of its Paris session tomorrow. Assembly leaders expect to adjourn either Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

There still is no clear majority apparent in the Security council for Israel's admission. And, unless the council approves the application, the assembly cannot act.

The fate of the British-American plan for setting up a three-nation conciliation commission in Palestine also is in doubt.

There were some indications the conciliation resolution might pick up one or two votes before it comes to a final test, but the short time left for debate, plus the firm opposition of a rare Russian-Arab combine, foreshadowed hard sledding.

ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP bid will be taken up by the Security council membership committee tomorrow. U.S. sources said the Americans are committed to Israeli membership, and they are prepared to push the issue in the council and in its membership committee.

Membership applications must receive seven of the Security council's 11 votes and then must get a two-thirds majority in the assembly.

The question of the conciliation commission is scheduled to come before the assembly at least by Thursday. The much-amended resolution was approved yesterday by a vote of 25 to 21 in the assembly's police committee.

Sponsors Sure Health Program Will Be Passed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Sponsors of compulsory health insurance, under which wages and payrolls would be taxed to pay hospital and doctors' bills, expect to win a 10-year fight in the next Congress.

Senator Murray (D-Mont.) offered this prediction today to a reporter "on the basis of two recent developments."

First the election results plainly show the people of the country want a national health program that will make adequate modern medical care available to all. President Truman made this one of the real issues in his campaign.

Second, the decision of the American Medical Association to raise a \$3,500,000 political fund to oppose the plan open-ended help our cause in the public mind."

STEEL EXECUTIVE DIES PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5 (AP)—H. Ecker Lewis, former president of Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation, died today of pneumonia. He was 66.

Stern Gang Leader to Conduct Own Defense at Terrorist Trial

ACRE, Israel, Dec. 5 (AP)—Nathan Friedman-Yellin, leader of the Stern gang came before a Jewish military court here today to conduct his own defense in Israel's first terrorist trial.

With him was bearded Matyahu Shmuelowitz, one of his chief lieutenants in the days when the Sternists fought their own underground war of threats and death against the British mandate.

At the very start of the case the prosecution brought into it the Jerusalem assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. mediator, on Sept. 17.

The Stern gang was not specifically accused of killing Bernadotte, but the chief prosecutor Lt. Col. Aharon Hoter-Yisha' said his murder was planned by the underground "as an open declaration of war against the power of the government."

HOTER-YISHAI, a former major in the British army, said the Bernadotte slaying resulted in an emergency law outlawing terrorism and under that law the Stern gang was "found and declared to be terrorist."

Friedman-Yellin wore a snappy grey business suit and a pale blue tie. Plinned to his lapel was the silver "right hand" insignia of the organization he led.

A guard with a Tommy gun stood close behind them in the courtroom, improvised out of an Arab club house in this ancient fortress town, whose nearby prison holds some 50 other Sternists awaiting trial.

The courtroom is protected by roadblocks and barred wire barriers and surrounded by military police guard.

Court president Lt. Col. Dr. Marcus Felixburg, was once a jurist in Germany.

The joint announcement of the Pacific American Shipowners association and the Waterfront Employers association here said work would be resumed "everywhere possible," depending only upon "the extent of readiness of men and ships."

Some 185 ships are tied up in West coast ports and a total of 280 in all U.S. ports, as a result of the western strike. How many will have started up by 8 a.m. tomorrow remained uncertain tonight.

How many workers could be reached with the baec to work call also was not known. The longshoremen's union and the waterfront employers issued a joint request to radio stations and newspapers to urge all stevedores to report to their hiring halls in the morning.

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Move to Bolster Nanking Defense



Truckloads of Chinese troops move into the Nanking and Peiping defense area to replace units considered militarily unstable. Two trucks shown above are part of the 60,000 nationalists moving up.

Chinese Move 60,000 Troops Into Defense Line for Nanking

NANKING, Dec. 5 (AP)—About 60,000 government troops from the Harbin command were reported today moving into the Nanking and Peiping defense area to replace units considered politically or militarily unstable. The report came from a usually reliable Chinese newsman.

The memorandum said the experts must take into account the existing situation in the German capital. It said it would be difficult to exercise four-power control of currency in a city in which the previous unified administration under four-power control was not fully functioning.

"In disregard of the expressed wish of the president of the Security council that any steps should be avoided which would lead to a complication of the Berlin crisis," the memorandum said, "developments instigated by the Soviet command in Germany have now still further detracted from the unified administration."

It added: "On the afternoon of Nov. 30, the Soviet authorities countenanced, and indeed encouraged, a series of events in their sector which have completed the exclusion of the legal city administration from its proper seat in the Soviet sector and from the exercise of its legal authority in the areas of Berlin which are under Soviet occupation."

"A quickly stage-managed meeting of Communists and Communist-front organizations (including a handful of former members from the other legal Berlin political parties) brought into being a body for which no legal basis exists, but which claims to be a provisional city government for the entire city of Berlin."

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YPR-603—Muffin in the Country (Muffin Could Hear). — Norman Rose.

BC-35—Rusty in Orchestraville.

YPR-313—Moxart Country Dances.

C.U. 106—Tubby the Tuba. — Danny Kaye.

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**Pvt. Fritz's Body
En Route Here for
Services, Burial**

The body of Pvt. Charles R. Fritz, husband of Mrs. Kathryn (Egoff) Fritz, 27 East Third street, will be returned tomorrow for burial. Pvt. Fritz was killed at the age of 34 near Chateaux, France, while he was on a reconnaissance patrol. He was assigned to the 30th Infantry Division and had been in the Army since Jan. 23, 1944. He was born in Pine Forge.

where he lived most of his life. When he finished school, Pvt. Fritz worked at the Doehler-Jarvis corporation plant as a grader.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary (Lord) Fritz, of Pine Forge, a son, Gaven, 7, three sisters Mrs. Samuel Garber, 49 West Fourth street; Mrs. Samuel Davidsreiter, 21 West Fifth street, and Mrs. Earl Tyson, 217 East Fourth street; Boertown, and three brothers, Earl, 80 West Fifth street, Brooke, 114 College street, Boertown and Clete, 78 South Charlotte street.

Services will be arranged this week from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street. Interment will be in Highland Memorial park.

**6 Chinese Killed in Crash
At Shanghai Air Field**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (UPI)—Six Chinese were killed today when a Chinese Central Air Transport company plane crashed on Shanghai's Kiangwan airfield.

The U.S. Army's ground control approach team attempted to assist the landing, but the Chinese pilots were unfamiliar with the procedure.

**More Area Hunters
Meet Success in
Stalking Big Game**

Three buck deer were brought back Saturday night by a group of hunters of this section that spent the week at the Hanging Bridge Lodge in Cross Forks, Perry county.

The 'cote is owned by Fred Kerlin, of Douglassville.

Harry Anderson, 24 King street, shot a six-point buck weighing 150 pounds. A seven-point buck weighing 180 pounds was killed by Harry Shape, 17 East Main street, South Pottstown. Frank Pennypacker, 538 Chestnut street, bagged a three-point weighing 130 pounds.

Others in the party were Kerlin, Charles Herman and Chester Snyder, Douglassville; Frank Van Horn, Roversford; Joseph Bealer, Douglassville; Paul Anderson, 24 King street, and Wallace Gehris, Willow street near East.

A PARTY OF four hunters from this area left Saturday morning on a hunting trip to the Blue Mountains in Berks township, Berks county, and they returned in the evening with two deer. Charles Ridcell, Glasgow, shot a six-point buck; while Charles Lessig, South Keim street, shot a four-point buck. Raymond Ridcell, Glasgow, and Samuel Scherzer, Third street, also were in the group.

KARL R. CREALY, Kenilworth, ended his 22nd season Saturday by bringing back his 12th buck.

He brought the eight pointer down in Bradford county Wednesday afternoon. The 170-pounder was going through the laurel undergrowth when Creasy drilled him neatly through the heart with one 35 caliber bullet from 70 yards.

His son, only other local member of the ten-man party, had no luck.

PIANIST BECOMES FATHER HOLLYWOOD Dec. 5 (UPI)—Carmen Cavalaro, pianist-band leader, became the father of a seven pound, seven ounce daughter today.

**Bulcher 'Borrows' Bus
To Speed Him Homeward**

CHICAGO, Dec. 5 (UPI)—When a large bus rolled away from the North Side Trans. garage last night, the driver was not on the bus company's payroll.

At Summerville police station,

Edward Vesely found the wayward bus—off course and having difficulty negotiating a turn in heavy traffic.

The driver, Vesely said, was John Lacer, 24, a bartender who acquired

the bus as not on the bus company's payroll.

"I wanted to go home," he explained.

of taking property without the owner's permission. Lacer said he had difficulty locating a bus going his way.

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'Great Business Administration'—Look at the Record**Public Being Led to Slaughter**

To the Editor: Your editorial of Dec. 3 headed "Wanted A Swift Kick" is very appropriate. The people of town can expect just what has happened since the great business administration has taken hold of the borough. The people are at fault by letting a child (Mr. Bush) lead them to slaughter by giving them the gaff about chasing the inept Republicans out of office and putting in a sound business administration.

When the Republicans held away over the school board, how many jobholders did they kick out for being efficient?

Pottstown should feel proud of this great business administration!

Pottstown ROBERT R. VANHORN

Vote for 'Voice With Smile'

To the Editor: "Pro-Progess" wrote to you in your several days ago praising Boyertown for its voting machines and dial telephones and Pennsburg for its recreation center.

Now I think voting machines and recreation centers are fine things, and it is high time that the politicians in Pottstown woke up to that fact. But dial telephones are something else again. I know, for I used to live in a town that had them.

It is easier to waste time with dial phones, because if you remember a wrong number or a friend has changed his number you have to find that out the hard way instead of having the operator tell you you have a wrong number etc.

Even more importantly, dial phones are bad for the citizens' morale. Instead of being greeted by the voice with a smile, they are greeted with an ominous hum that is daring you to dial the right number in the right order.

Give me the voice with the smile. Pottstown PRO-OPERATORS

INTERPRETIVE**Shanghai Worries About Mobs More Than Reds**

By JAMES D. WHITE
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (AP) — Gradually and subtly the main worry of both Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai is switching from the Communists to the mobs who may run amok before the Reds take over.

This worry is not new. But it is becoming paramount as the novelty of the prospect of a Communist occupation wears off.

It stems from two factors.

First, there are the hundreds of ragged Chinese who throng the streets—the vendors of junk and cheap gadgets.

They are an uncounted element in Shanghai's 5,000,000 citizens. They really are jobless but present an illusion of stability.

They are good-natured now, because prices are falling and their pitiful lives are a little less intolerable. But it is realized they are potential dynamite if law and order collapse.

The grim fact is that probably more than half of Shanghai's people are so threadbare that even a pair of good shoes would mean temporary wealth. If there is nobody to stop them, they may take what they can when the chance comes.

THE NEXT STEP would be to attack wealthy Chinese and foreigners. They would attack foreigners because they believe all are fabulously wealthy, which they are by the lowly Chinese standards.

Anti-foreignism is now at its lowest ebb in many a month, but the foreigners know that they always will be subjected to depiction as greedy alien parasites by interested parties. These parties include but certainly don't end with Communist advance agents, who already are believed in the city.

The second factor, considered potentially dangerous, is the possibility of defeated government troops pouring into the city.

Few believe their officers, if still around, would be able to maintain discipline.

Most of the soldiers are ill fed and poorly paid. A warm sweater or leather shoes would mean wealth, comfort and prestige to them.

Already reports from Tientsin in North China say that wounded and defeated soldiers there have been practically holding up foreign firms, demanding money. This can happen elsewhere.

Such fears have ample background in the anti-foreign excesses of the Nationalist Revolution of 1927 in the Yangtze valley.

THE BRITISH, who have maintained a front of relative unconcern while Americans pull out of China, are gradually swinging toward the U. S. view.

The British were jarred by the scorched earth tactics at the North China port of Chinwangtao, where the coal docks built long ago by Herbert Hoover for the British-owned Kaitan mines were damaged.

Now the British fear the retreating government troops may destroy the nearby Kaitan mines themselves.

The British-owned North China Daily News suggests that Great Britain and America decide whether to protect such investments "actively."

That presumably means protection by armed forces of the nation's involved.

In this connection, Americans in Shanghai have been wondering if U. S. marines from Tsingtao will be moved here to protect American lives and property against the disorders which everyone fears.

This is still only in the talking stage. But as the Nanking government denies it is fleeing south while making every apparent preparation to do so, the confidence in an orderly transition is disintegrating.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH L. ANDERSON Pottstown RD 4 BECAUSE they will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary today.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING
For
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

Editor, The Mercury,
December 5.
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:
Wal, I see by the papers where the national shoe institute reports there are 502 different taxes in the cost of shoes. No wonder your new brogans pinch!
Statistics also show the US has three-fifths of the world's telephones. Wonder what foreign 'teen-agers' do with their spare time?
And say: In that show deal, it isn't the facts, but the tax that really hurts, though, like headaches, they may be invisible! Meepin' you air the same,

GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

Administration has done, with so little.

With all due respects to Mr. Robins and whatever his good intentions were, or are, we must not lose sight of the fact that somewhere along the line some ward-heeler is pushing him for Holloway's job. In spite of Hell and high water and the public be damned, it looks like that ward-heeler is going to get the job.

When the Republicans held away over the school board, how many jobholders did they kick out for being efficient?

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Pottstown ROBERT R. VANHORN

Commercializing Marriage

To the Editor: I agree thoroughly with "A Reader" ("Disgracing a Sacrament," Readers Say, Dec. 2). I have something else to add though.

As if it wasn't bad enough degrading the sacred marriage ceremony by having it on skates, they had to go further and charge 30 cents admission. Justice of the Peace Krim should have prevented this brainless couple from turning a wedding into a three-ring circus if they didn't have any common sense of their own.

Thank goodness my wedding a few months ago was not made into a public exhibition and I'm very proud this couple are not friends of mine.

Boyertown DISGUSTED BRIDE

He's Slowpoke at 35 MPH

To the Editor: West High street is being used as a speedway.

Why put up signs to regulate traffic at 35 miles an hour if they are not going to be obeyed?

Violators should be made to obey this traffic regulation.

Coming down from Berks street to Manatawny street the other day, my speedometer was registering 35 miles per hour. Nine cars passed by in the second lane and went way ahead. One of these cars was the small borough highway truck.

If the signs put up are not going to be obeyed, better remove them or see that the law is obeyed.

Pottstown HIGHWAY USER

THE 'PETRIFIED FOREST'**ALL AROUND THE TOWN****Both Glad and Sorry... She Had to Wait...****INSPIRATION COLUMN**

(From "Your Life")
PARABLE — A company of knights traveling through a strange section of China, came to camp one night beside a dry stream. As they were resting, suddenly they heard a voice which said, "Take a handful of pebbles from the dry river bed and you will be both glad and sorry."

The knights gathered up handfuls of the pebbles, tucked them into their pockets, and set out before daylight the next morning on their long journey. It was not until noon the next day that one of the knights reached into his pocket and pulled out the pebbles. In the blaze of the noonday sun, he saw that his pebbles actually were rubies and diamonds. When the other knight saw his treasure, they too reached into their pockets and, sure enough, each had a handful of diamonds and rubies.

Then they remembered what the voice had said to them in the night:

"Take a handful of pebbles from the dry river bed and you will be both glad and sorry."

Now they knew what it had meant: they were glad that they had taken a handful of those pebbles and sorry that they had not taken more.

And so it is with a great many vital, precious things in life. We grasp but a handful of the treasures of friendship, education, and opportunity — the vast hoard of wealth that could be ours we neglect until it is too late to make it our own — William L. Studier.

REVENGE — During her early years on the stage, Helen Hayes received rough handling by the critics. They later revised their estimate of her ability. But she did not forget. When she bought a country estate, she invited her theatrical friends out to see her shooting gallery — the targets of which were life-size portraits of such famous critics as George Jean Nathan, Burns Mantle, and their felines! — Webb B. Garrison.

FLOW, DON'T JERK — A friend of mine who has attained some eminence as a social scientist once gave me an immeasurably helpful tip.

"To save wear and tear on yourself and to keep relaxed," he said, "learn to flow instead of jerk."

The truth of this advice is brought home forcibly as we observe the great number of people who literally "jerk" their way through life. These are the nervous, tense folk who are always in a hurry; they grab for things instead of reaching for them — they bump you on the street — they are split-second horn blowers at the traffic light — they are speed demons at the table — their talk is loud and fast. Worst of all they are accident-prone — continually getting hurt or hurting someone else.

Many of us have a tendency to be "jerks" but barring certain physical ailments this fault can be corrected rather easily. "Flow, don't jerk" — keep this thought constantly in mind. Practice it in everything you do — walking, talking, working, playing. The key is a calm, deliberate approach to every action you undertake. Count three — then do it without hurry or flurry. In time, smoothness and poise will come naturally — Sid Turrell.

WIFE-SAVERS — Crackerjack Chef — When "breeding" chops, fish, or chicken, save time and waste by sprinkling necessary amount of bread crumbs or crackermeal into a brown paper bag. Then place meat in bag and, gripping the top, shake gently to obtain thorough coating.

MODERN MANNERS — At a large party, it is not necessary to say goodbye to everyone when you leave, but be sure to bid adieu to your host and hostess, and thank them for a pleasant time.

IT HAPPENED TODAY — Joseph Conrad, noted English author, was born on this date in 1857. This is Saint Nicholas Day, patron saint of children. It is on this date that Christmas is celebrated in Holland, Belgium and parts of Germany.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Leon Kroll, American artist, and Padraig Colum, Irish writer, have birthday anniversaries on this date.

HOW DO YOU MAKE OUT? — 1. A gazzle. 2. Isabella lived before Elizabeth I, 1451-1504; "Good Queen Bess." 1533-1603. 3. In the Gettysburg Address. 4. No, but there are about 10 color blind men to one woman. 5. Teaspoonfuls.

THERE are certain traits that run in families. Likewise, there are certain disorders that run in families and hemophilia is one of them. This is a disorder, the exact cause of which is not known, in which the blood does not clot as rapidly as it should. Occurring usually in the male, the tendency to hemophilia is transmitted by the female.

New methods, described below, have been found to aid the clotting of the blood in patients with hemophilia so that operations may be safely performed on such patients.

It is important that persons with this disease be trained to avoid injury as much as possible, and still engage in many of the customary physical activities.

One of the best ways to check the bleeding is to inject into a vein, fresh whole blood, or blood plasma, that is, the fluid part of the blood. What is known as frozen plasma may be used, but it must be thawed rapidly before being injected.

The exact treatment to be employed will depend upon the severity of the condition. If a great deal of blood has been lost, whole blood will serve two purposes. It will aid in the blood clotting and will replace the blood which has been lost. If the condition is only moderately severe, the blood plasma may be employed.

If the patient with hemophilia must have an operation, measures to control the blood clotting, such as blood transfusions, should be carried out before the operation is performed and the effects noted for two or three days.

After the operation, the patient should be carefully watched for from two to ten days, depending on the surgical procedure performed. The clotting time of the blood is measured three times a day, by timing the clotting, and, if necessary, an additional injection of whole blood or blood plasma is given.

Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



"Why don't YOU go to a movie and let ME entertain Mr. Mallory?"

YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

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— NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS

December 5.

Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where the national

shoe institute reports there are 502 different

taxes in the cost of shoes. No wonder your new

brogans pinch!

Statistics also show the

US has three-fifths of the

world's telephones. Wonder

what foreign 'teen-agers'

do with their spare time?

And say: In that show

deal, it isn't the facts, but

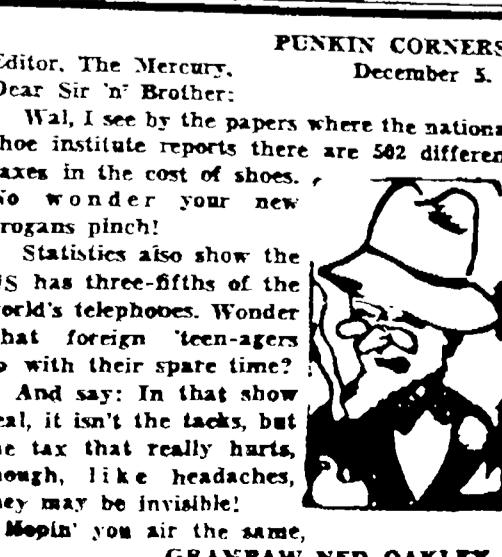
the tax that really hurts,

though, like headaches,

they may be invisible!

Meepin' you air the same,

GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY



BoyertownMEST'S NEWS AGENCY, Representative Phone 7-2341
Philadelphia Ave. and Washington St.**Telephone Employees To Be Fed Here At Annual Banquet**

The annual banquet of the employees of the Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph company will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Boyertown Orpheum home, North Washington street.

William H. Reissnyder Jr., of Boyertown, a director of the company and who has been largely instrumental in the development of the modern phone service in this community, will be the master of ceremonies.

The guest speaker will be Willfred G. Ford, of Philadelphia, vice president of construction of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

IN ADDITION to the officers and directors of the Conestoga company, there will be guests from the Enterprise Telephone company, New Holland, Pa.; Denver and Ephrata Telephone company, Ephrata, Pa.; Bethel and Mt.农庄 Telephone company, Mifflinburg, and representatives of the Bell Telephone company at Harrisburg; Reading, Pottstown and West Chester.

John K. Soltzus, vice president and general manager, is in charge of the arrangements for the event.

Odd Fellows Lodge To Confer Degrees

Boyertown Lodge 708 I.O.O.F. will confer the third degree on a class of candidates tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the local lodge hall.

This is the final degree of the Initiation Degrees, and will be conferred by the local degree staff under the direction of Irvin G. Eisenhard, degree master.

These 28 candidates are a combined class from the first, second and third districts of Berks County I.O.O.F. who have received their degrees at various lodges in the county.

On Wednesday night, Dec. 15 these new members will be fed at a banquet to which all Odd Fellows are invited, at the Leesport Fire company hall.

Odd Fellows wishing to attend this affair are instructed to call Thrus Johnson, New Berlinville, not later than Dec. 7.

Boyertown Classified**Deaths**

ROHRBACH—In West Reading on Dec. 1, 1948, Daniel W., husband of Nora (Schwenk) Rohrbach, age 61. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, on Monday at 2 p.m. Interment in Hill Church cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9 (Schwenk).

SCHOLLENBERGER—Near New Berlinville on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1948. Deborah (Brumback) Schollenberger, age 94, widow of William P. Schollenberger, died Saturday morning in her home near New Berlinville. She was born in Oley township, a daughter of the late Isaac and Rachael (Hoch) Brumback. She resided in this vicinity the past 58 years.

Her husband preceded her in death 13 years ago. Mrs. Schollenberger was the oldest member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed of Boyertown. Surviving are these children: William B. and Agnes, wife of Jacob D. Moyer, of New Berlinville, Daniel, at home; Edgar, of Oley; Ella, wife of Webster D. Reeder, New Berlinville, Lawrence, at home, also 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue. The Rev. Harper L. Schneek and the Rev. Earl G. Wofford will officiate. Interment will be made in the Oley cemetery, Spangler.

INSPECTION TIME IS HERE.

The degree staff of the Boyertown Lodge 708 I.O.O.F. will hold a rehearsal in the Odd Fellows Lodge hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

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Lodging Sought Here For Music Festival

An urgent plea for sleeping accommodations for 120 students and directors who plan to attend the Eastern District Orchestra Festival at the Boyertown High school this coming weekend has been voiced by the committee in charge.

Students will arrive before 2 p.m. on Thursday. Hostesses will be asked to serve breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings. The other meals will be served at the High school. All members of the Woman's club who have extra rooms are urged to contact Paul S. Hansen Jr., at the Boyertown High school, local 7-2361.

Drum and Bugle corps of Charles B. Yerger Post 471 at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion home.

Boyertown Boy Scouts Troop 3 at 7 p.m. in the Reformed church.

Ladies Aid society of St. John's Lutheran church at 7:30 p.m.

Rehearsal of Boyertown Lodge 708 I.O.O.F. degree staff at 7:30 p.m. in the Odd Fellows hall.

Y SECRETARY SPEAKS

Robert Miller, general secretary of the Reading YMCA, was the guest speaker in the "Aut" Bible class of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school yesterday morning. He spoke on the United Lutheran Biennial conference in Philadelphia.

His topic will be "Conditions in Germany." Thomas W. Leyen will be the chairman of the meeting.

Grief-Ridden Grandfather Dies at Child's Funeral

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5 (P)—Two-year-old Barbara Sorgen was the delight of her grandfather, 57-year-old Joseph Alabacher.

Little Barbara died Friday night, a few hours after her mother had found her in her blazing crib. Mrs. Richard Sorgen said Barbara may have found a match and set the bed clothing afire.

Alabacher tried to hide his own grief by consoling his prostrate daughter. Last night he went to the funeral home where friends were viewing Barbara's body. As he walked through a hallway he collapsed and died of a heart attack.

INSPECTION TIME IS HERE. Have your glass installed at HUTT'S GLASS SHOP, where they have all the parts for your door's needs. PROMPT SERVICE PRICES are REASONABLE. Phone Boyertown 228-84

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Safe in Cuba**Senator Gurney Arrested For Reckless Driving**

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 5 (P)—Muskogee County Deputy Sheriff Vic Wilson said today he arrested U.S. Senator John Shademaker Gurney (R-SD) early today on a reckless driving charge.

Wilson said he stopped Gurney after a 90-mile per hour automobile chase near Taft, Okla., in Muskogee county. He said Gurney produced papers identifying him as the U.S. senator from South Dakota. He said Gurney stated he had been visiting various camps in Oklahoma and was in a hurry to return home.

Gurney posted a \$75 bond in police court here today and was released. Officers said he left here on Dec. 5.

No charge had been filed by Attorney Wilcoxon Jr., assistant county attorney, said a "reckless driving charge probably will be filed in county court here tomorrow."

EARTH SHOCKS RECORDED

SLIDNEY, Dec. 5 (P)—Two earth shocks in the Pacific, believed to center north of New Britain, were recorded today in Riverine observatory.

Princess Elizabeth did not go out

Princess

Obituaries**Former Area Trooper Dies in Easton Raid**

BASSEY ELLEN (GRIESEMER) BAUER, wife of Andrew B. Bauer, of 55 KING STREET, died at her home yesterday afternoon at 1:26 o'clock following an illness of four months.

Born in Monocacy, a daughter of the late Albert F. and Mary (West) Griesemer, Mrs. Bauer came to Pottstown 24 years ago.

A housewife throughout her married life, she was a member of St. Paul's Reformed church, Amityville.

Surviving are her husband, a partner in the Buckwater and Bauer garage at 55 King street, and a brother, Albert F. Griesemer, of Monocacy.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 112 North Washington street. Interment will be made in Herkfield Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral services for **MARTIN C. KLINE**, of ELVERSON, retired instructor at Berks county prison, were held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from a funeral home in Elverson.

Further services will be held in Monocacy Methodist church. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Schneider, officiated. Interment was made in Caernarvon cemetery.

Graveside rites were accorded by members of Caernarvon Lodge 557, IOOF, of which Mr. Kline was a member for nearly 50 years. Harry Rothan served as noble grand, while Samuel A. Miller was chaplain.

Bearers were Charles Minich, Homer Minich, Nevin Minich, Charles Kline, Robert Smith and Edwin Haag Jr.

Funeral services for **SARAH C. (FOCHT) WELLER**, widow of John G. Weller, of 1123 QUEEN STREET, were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from a funeral home at 359 King street.

Officiating was the Rev. Horace N. Olewiler, pastor of First Methodist church. Interment was made in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Bearers were three sons, Harry, Horace and Herman Weller, and three grandsons, Douglas, Delmar and Donald Weller.

Funeral services for **DR. MATTHIAS S. MENGEI**, a physician in ELVERSON for more than 60 years, were held last night in a funeral home in Elverson.

Officiating was the Rev. Albert Wilcox, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal church, Elverson.

Masonic rites were accorded by members of Pickering Lodge 446, F & A. M., Byers, Chester county, of which Dr. Mengel was a member.

Funeral services for **JOHN F. WENTZEL**, husband of Agnes (Shoalin) Wentzel, of 318 ELM STREET, STOWE, will be held Tuesday morning at 9:15 o'clock from a funeral home at 258 Beech street.

Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock in St. Gabriel's Catholic church, Stowe, by the Rev. Francis E. Suchanek, rector.

Interment will be made in Holy Trinity cemetery, Stowe.

Abe Lincoln proved himself no prophet when he said at Gettysburg, "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here."

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DUBOIS, Dec. 5 (AP)—A 76-year-old deer hunter, missing a week, was found dead today a few miles from his own hunting camp.

The body of Ray H. Richards, retired contractor of Brookville, Jefferson county, was discovered shortly after noon by a woman, Marion E. Brooks of Wexford, Pa.

State police at the Clearfield station said it appeared the man had died of natural causes but an autopsy would be held later.

He suffered a heart attack during

a raid on the Paradise club of Easton in which he was leading a detail of State and local police and of State Liquor Control board investigators.

Death came in the Easton hospital where he was rushed after his heart attack.

The State policeman joined the force in 1927, serving in Lancaster until his promotion to corporal in Sept., 1930, when he came to Collegeville. He left Collegeville for Philadelphia when he was promoted to sergeant in June, 1932.

Services will be held from a Harrisburg funeral home at Second and Kelker streets at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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sickly woman the whole neighborhood was worried about. They represent 601,987 hospital cases.

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BALANCE SHEET

October 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Banks	5,219,651.03
Savings and Time Accounts	753,112.14
U. S. Government Bonds	3,318,888.71
(Blue Cross invests only in U. S. Government Bonds)	
Accounts Receivable	510,979.01
(Includes \$212,015.59 in advance payments to hospitals)	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
(These are charged to operating costs in the year during which they're bought)	
	\$ 6,774,631.89

LIABILITIES

Unearned Charges	\$ 1,020,473.23
Hospital Bills Payable	558,576.66
(Unpaid hospital bills for subscriber cases)	
Reserve for Undischarged Hospital Admissions	1,077,862.77
(To pay bills for subscribers who are now in hospitals but whose bills have not yet been received by Blue Cross)	
Accrued Social Security, Taxes, and Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	98,078.41
Reserve for Maternity Care	1,000,000.00
Reserve for Epidemics and Other Contingencies	3,019,638.82
	\$ 6,774,631.89

CONDENSED REPORT

1938-48 (October 31)

Enrollment—November 1, 1948	1,279,207
Hospital Service Groups	14,213
Member Hospitals	69
Subscribers Hospitalized	601,987
(The odds are 1 in 10 that you will go to the hospital in the next 12 months)	
Amount Paid Hospitals	\$37,368,451.39

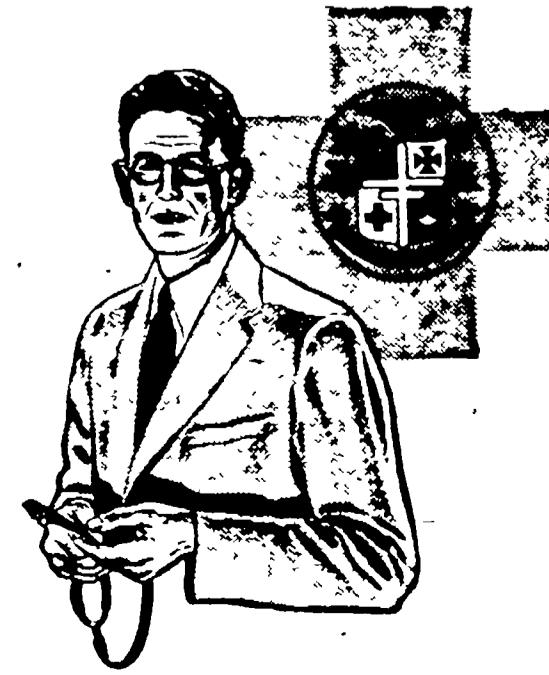
Maternity care is a continuing obligation, and therefore demands a special reserve fund.

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Christian Scientist Addresses 400 Here In School Auditorium

Arthur Perrow, former Chicago business executive, called on 400 persons yesterday afternoon in the Junior High school auditorium to turn to prayer for health.

The speaker, once secretary-treasurer of Bell Telephone company of Illinois, called his Christian Science address "The Way of Freedom."

The lecturer spoke in part as follows:

"If men really understood God instead of having mere belief in some kind of supreme being, the resultant behavior would dispel all the confusion and bewilderment of the hour. To know and demonstrate the fact that God is the one infinite divine intelligence would silence the human and mesmeric tendencies toward strife, hatred, wars and other discords.

"Healing the sick is the application of the law of God, which adjusts all things according to the divine Principle of true, harmonious, and everlasting being. The human mind questions healing through spiritual means, but in this as well as in other manifestations of the infinite power of good, it may be stated in biblical language, 'The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned' (I Cor. 2:14).

"Christian Scientists have a deep feeling of love and gratitude for the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, whose great gift to the world can never be dimmed or obscured. Her zeal and love for all mankind, and above all, her love for God and His Christ, led to her discovery of Christian Science, the full revelation of the glorious truth which Jesus said would make us free.

"This knowledge of God is the way of freedom — freedom from fear, from sin and sickness, freedom from limitation and lack."

HOUSEWIFE STRUCK DOWN
LEBANON, Dec. 5 (P)—Mrs. Lucy Downham, 48, a Lebanon housewife, was killed tonight when she was struck by an automobile as she crossed the street after leaving a bus on her way home from church.

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DOEHLER PARTY —

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gloriously of conditions in America under a free enterprise system.

He was introduced by Howard Bartholomew, local plant manager, who also greeted the Fellowship club members and their guests.

Bartholomew reminded the group that February, 1949, will mark the 25th anniversary of Doeher-Jarvis in Pottstown.

The Rev. Dr. Gustave W. Weber, director of religious studies at the Hill school, gave the invocation.

Dr. Weber was "industrial chaplain" in the Pottstown plant's labor relations department during the past year.

In addition to Doeher, guests of the club included Dr. Lee F. Mauger,

company ophthalmologist; Dr. C. B. Lerch, plant physician; Dr. Samuel T. Nicholson Jr., medical director of the Doeher-Jarvis corporation; Joseph T. Prince, company attorney, and Louis Miller, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., corporation labor relations director.

Harold Kepner was chairman of the program committee, which included William Albright, Warren B. Endy, Mark L. Collins, Kenneth Nichols, Jack R. Strange and John G. Katona.

THREE HUNDRED men and women, members of the Spicer Supervisors' and Clerical association, dined, danced and were entertained by a floor show at Reading's Abram Lincoln hotel Saturday night as the organization held its annual Christmas season banquet.

George J. Parker, manager of the local Spicer Manufacturing division

plant of the Dams corporation, and Ralph E. Carpenter, of Toledo, O., executive vice president of the organization, brought greetings to the group.

Lester Burden, toastmaster at the banquet and chairman of the board of directors of the Supervisors' and Clerical association, was general chairman of the committee that arranged the affair.

Working with him were Elwood H. Rath, John O. Lachman, Edgar E. Herbine, Vincent Schweitzer, Earl Mast, Donald M. Kastle, Miss Patri-

Church to Honor Patron St. Nicholas

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St. Nicholas—patron saint of all Catholics of the Greek Rite and prototype of the St. Nicholas of Christmastime fame—will be commemorated today in St. John's Catholic Church of the Greek Rite.

The day, a Holy day of obligation for members of the church, will be marked with masses celebrated at 6 and 9 a. m. by the Rev. John D. Taptich, rector.

St. Nicholas, who lived in Myra, Asia Minor, during the fourth century, was born to great wealth, but gave his entire fortune to the poor. Because of this, he has become the patron saint of all impoverished peoples.

As Bishop of Myra, he was instrumental in exposing Arius, a despotic heretic, at the council of Nicene in 325 A. D.

As a result of this council, the Nicene creed was promulgated, and the creed is incorporated into Holy masses for Catholics of all rites.

From accounts of St. Nicholas' generosity evolved a St. Nicholas who acted as Santa Claus at Christmastime.

cia Gilbert and Miss Teresa Marchione.

Lloyd F. Brownback gave the invocation.

Jon Weiss' orchestra of Reading, played during dinner and the floor show.

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BURGLARY SUSPECT — MOO SCHMOO —

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sault Ewell was captured by Police Chief James A. Laughead, Motor Patrolman Lewis M. Borgiel and Patrolman Paul Galloway, and by State police of the Collegeville station.

After questioning, he confessed and was tried and sentenced within a few weeks.

Guldin described Ewell as above medium height, weighing approximately 160 pounds and wearing glasses.

The Philadelphia may be held in prison for 48 hours pending an investigation. He may then be given a hearing and be returned to prison while the investigation continues, police said.

HER LATEST MATE was a coal

black Aberdeen Angus. She herself is pure-bred Guernsey. The steaks.

As for Maisy, he said, she will twin calves, born near 6 a. m. Saturday, have split the color evenly. The heifer is red-brown and the little bull is black.

Gill, the buyer, unexpectedly

came to pick up his purchases at noon Saturday. The deal had been closed a month earlier.

The whole family (Maisy's, that is) is doing very well, he reported last night. He may turn the heifer into veal, he said, and later render

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MAN KILLED BY CAR

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Dec. 3 (UPI)—Patrick G. Byrne, 50, of Duncansville, was killed by an auto tonight while walking on a highway near here.

the bull into a steer and finally

steak.

As for Maisy, he said, she will

be at his place the role she

so loved at the Islets—the only cow

in the barn, the prima donna.

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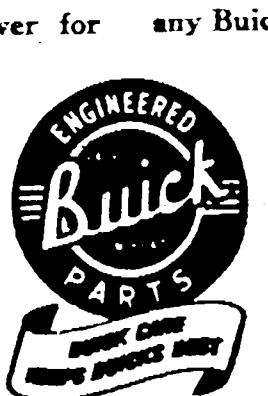
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Impressive Double Ring Ceremony Unites Robert W. Evans Jr. to Carlisle Bride

In a charming late afternoon ceremony Saturday, Mr. Robert Whiteside Evans Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Evans, 23 Walnut street, took as his bride, Miss Julia Catherine Gutshall, daughter of Mr. William G. Gutshall, of Carlisle.

The double ring ceremony took place in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle, with the Rev. Harry L. Saul, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church.

Vases of white chrysanthemums flanked by palms graced the chancel. Preceding the ceremony a 15-minute recital was presented by Mr. Raymond Keeseker, organist, accompanied by Mr. Ray Devaney, soloist.

THE BRIDE, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Robert Gutshall, was beautiful in a gown of candlelight satin featuring a snugly fitted bodice highlighted by an off the shoulder neckline embroidered with seed pearls. The long sleeves tapered to a point above each wrist while the extremely full skirt flowed into a long train.

From a heart-shaped bonnet of shirred tulle and Chantilly lace fell the three tiered finger tip veil of net. She carried a white prayer book to which was attached white carnation florettes and satin streamers.

THE BRIDE chose as her matron of honor, her sister, Mrs. Ernest Dubbs Beebe, who appeared in a gown of red velvet designed with cuffed neckline, bracelet length!

Guests attended the wedding from Pottstown, Reading, Philadelphia, New York City and Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Kenaga to Hold

Pottstown WCTU Meeting

Mrs. L. A. Kenaga, 1373 Queen street, will entertain members of the Pottstown Woman's Christian Temperance Union at her home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Capt. Meral Cox will be the guest speaker and Mrs. Cox will present several accordion solos. Later, Christmas carols will be sung by the group.

Mrs. Frank Seidts will be in charge of devotions. A Christmas playlet, "Christmas in Other Lands," will be presented. During the business session, Miss Laura R. Eckert, president, will preside.

Following the business session, a Christmas benefit sale will be held with the following in charge: Mrs. Mary Koplin, Miss Minnie McAffe, Mrs. Lester Ulmer, Mrs. Dennis Loughlin, Mrs. Kenaga, Miss Bella Prizer and Miss Mary Sleichter.

Wertmans Entertained

With Kitchen Shower

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wertman, Pottstown RD 2, were pleasantly honored with a kitchen shower recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurford Moses, Pottstown RD 2, the hostess and host.

Following the opening of the gifts and a social evening, a buffet luncheon was served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Houlry Moses, Gerald and Kenneth Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Free, William and Margaret Free, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moses, Joyce Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucas and children, Sharon, Sandra and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. William Moses, Mrs. Ralph Lloyd, Mrs. Clark Freigh and Mr. Samuel Mest.

Miss Emma Hugh, Miss Charlotte Moses, Mr. Winifred Wertman, Mr. William Morris, Rodney Youse and Mr. and Mrs. Hurford Moses.

Social Calendar

Wesleyan class of First Methodist church — Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Marquette, Cedarville. Cars leave church at 7:45 o'clock.

Senior auxiliary of Pottstown hospital — Meeting this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock in the Nurses' home.

Junior auxiliary of Pottstown hospital — Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Nurses' home.

Soroptimist club — Meeting tonight at 6:30 o'clock in the Clover Leaf restaurant.

Business Girls of the Young Women's Christian Association — Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the YWCA.

Navv Mothers' club — Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Emmanuel Lutheran church.

Ladies auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus — Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the K.C.U.P. building.

Lady Orioles drill team — Banquet tonite at 5:30 o'clock in the Clover Leaf restaurant.

Girl Scout Troop 3 — Meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in St. Alloysius school building.

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ICE FOLLIES OF 1949

Larry Evans Is Honored On Birthday Anniversary

A birthday party was held yesterday afternoon in honor of Larry Evans, eight-year-old son of Mrs. Pearl Evans, Ringing Rocks park.

After opening the gifts, the guests played games, and prizes were awarded to:

Meredith McHarg, LaVerne and Ronald Davidheiser, LaVerne Hoffman and Marlene Hildebrandt.

Other guests attending were Patricia Morall, Thomas Lathcap, Stanley Hildebrandt, Marlene Davidheiser, Jimmy Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hildebrandt, Mrs. Henry Angstadt, Mr. Alfred Kohler and Mrs. Pearl Evans.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldman returned to New York City after spending the weekend as guests of Mrs. L. Maude Harvey, 418 East Nine street, Stowe.

Miss Eleanor Friedman returned to her duties in Washington, D. C. after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman, Ringersford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hogan, Pottstown, RD 4, are starting today on an extended trip to Florida with their trailer. They will return about March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, Sanatoga, will leave this morning for a week's stay in New York City, where they will be the guest of their son, Joseph Jr.

Woman's Club to Hear Edmund Collins Speak

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in Library hall members of the Woman's club will be host to their husbands and friends to hear Mr. Edmund Collins, Allentown humorist, speak.

Mr. Collins will address the club on "Much Ado About Nothing." He has been a popular speaker at men's clubs in Berks and Lehigh counties.

Mrs. Kenneth Z. Fillman will be the leader and Miss Florence A. Erb, president, will preside.

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Problem of an Army Flyer's Wife

THIS PROBLEM of the wife whose husband is unfaithful to her is presented from a little different angle in the following letter from a young wife whose husband is an Army flier. This couple has two young children, and because of the nature of the young man's work he is away from home a great deal.

"My problem is," writes P. R., "that he is unfaithful to me during these absences. I have conclusive evidence."

"I love my husband dearly, he is wonderful to our children and treats me grand except for this one fault. I am a loyal wife, but I am always so miserable when he is away, which is sometimes for as long as three months. I know there are many other fliers' wives who have the same trouble, but we are at a loss to know what to do."

'When I have discussed this with

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Drumheller, Boyertown, announce the birth of a son on Saturday in Memorial hospital.

On Saturday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Musser, Douglassville, in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kring, Coates Springs, became the parents of a daughter on Saturday in Memorial hospital.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Mulholland, Boyertown, on the birth of a daughter yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Magliocchetti, Stowe, announce the birth of a daughter yesterday in Memorial hospital.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Davis Loomis, Elverson, in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reed, Stowe, became the parents of a son yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Yesterday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Julio S. Vannucci, Schwenksville, in Memorial hospital.

On Saturday a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Markarek, Pottstown RD 3, in Pottstown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Collins, South Pottstown, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Saturday in Pottstown hospital.

A son was born on Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Littlefield, Douglassville, in Pottstown hospital.

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my husband, he says all the boys do it; that is just my vanity that makes me concerned, that I am nagging him, that a woman's place is at home and she should not question her husband's activities. As a result, I go on being a good wife to him and try to pretend nothing is wrong, while all the time my heart feels as though it is going to break.

"Should I put up with this the rest of my life, being unhappy every time he goes away because I know he will be with other women, or should I divorce him now, while I am still young enough to start a new life for myself and my children? I have more than any of the girls I was raised with, but is it worth it for the misery I must go through? I was married very young and have no career I could go back to."

AS IN THE case of most other wives confronted by this type of problem, about all this girl can do, I'm afraid, is to try and figure out whether she should lose or gain more by leaving her husband. And I think the chances are that, under her particular circumstances, she is one who would lose instead of gain.

She says she has no work to which she could return if she were to divorce her husband. Even if she did have, her children are young, and it might be a problem to have them cared for if she were away from home all day. Even if she were to get sufficient alimony from her husband in case of divorce, so that she would have no worries about supporting herself and the children, to be alone all day with her youngsters, knowing that there would be no husband coming home to give her at least a certain amount of companionship from time to time, might be harder to get used to than to accept and live with the problem she now has.

Where most women make their big mistake in a case of this kind is to argue about the matter with their husbands, and to keep up a constant stream of tears and reproaches. All of that can accomplish nothing but make worse an already bad situation. No husband ever stopped philandering because of his wife's tears.

On the other hand, it is not at all impossible that if a wife can have the courage and fortitude to be silent about her unhappiness, and do her best to keep her home a happy place for her husband to come to, that technique may, in time, if the husband is worth anything at all, bring results. At any rate, I think it is her best bet.

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To Wed Soon

The engagement of Miss Regina Suchozza (above) was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Suchozza, 70 South Charlotte street, to Mr. Joseph Powell, 66 South Charlotte street. The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell, 66 South Charlotte street.

Joseph Powell to Wed

Miss Regina Suchozza

The sequence of a childhood romance is written with the announcement of the engagement of Miss Regina Suchozza, 70 South Charlotte street, to Mr. Joseph Powell, 66 South Charlotte street.

The couple have been sweethearts since they started to school together with Mr. Powell graduating from the Pottstown High School in 1942 and his bride-to-be in 1943. She is now graduate nurse of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing and is employed with the King Street Auto Supply store after serving for many years with the Navy.

Miss Suchozza is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Suchozza and the prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell.

Mushrooms do not need to be peeled before cooking; they should be thoroughly washed, however cook them whole or slice them.

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Christmas Cantata To Be Presented By Methodist Choir

A rendition of the Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maun- der, will be given by the chancel choir of the First Methodist church, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30.

Seven of the choir members will take part: Mrs. Helen Myers, Mrs. Muriel Pike, Miss Eleanor Zimmerman, Mr. Gordon Shanabrook, Mr. Joseph Kunkle, Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Lawrence Wiand.

The cantata is directed by Mr. Robert B. Kitchline, organist and choir director of the church. It is comprised of three parts: "The Shepherd's Gift," "The King's Gift" and "Our Gift."

The first part opens with the shepherd boy sending his sheep at night on the plains of Bethlehem and son of Chalfont, Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalter, RD 1, Misses Katherine Albright and Joanne Keene, of Pottstown, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Davidheiser and family.

Mr. Stanley Saps is serving on the jury this week in West Chester.

Part two depicts a caravan drawing up to an old well in the desert where Balthazar is resting with his train. These are the kings journeying to Bethlehem to give their gifts to the Prince of Peace. As the scene comes to a close, the caravan continues its journey into the night.

In the last part, the action takes place before the inn at Bethlehem and the groups make their way softly to the manger where the little one is sleeping. Mary is singing a lullaby to the little son and the whole choir joins with the breaking of the news to the world.

For a teen-ager's room: Cover a piece of pillow with felt or fabric and fit into old picture frame. Hang on wall for memos, dance programs, or a place to pin costume jewelry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moyer and children spent a day in Philadelphia with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Hatfield and children spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. George Engle at Spring City.

Mrs. Flora Kerlin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kerlin, Joanne and Freddie Kerlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davies, Mrs. Ellie Summons, Mr. Harvey Grubb and Mr. George Levan.

Miss Joanne Kerlin returned to school at Maryland Women's college.

Miss Nadine Davidhener, a student at Mansfield State Teachers college, spent several days at her home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Bach and son, Robert, spent a day in Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shape and son, Morgan, enjoyed a evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. Hendricks.

Edna Gauger and Maggie Keefer spent a day with the family of Charles Eno.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Angstadt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, spent a day in Reading.

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Several children of Charles Snack county, hunting deer.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Painter

Morgan G. Hendricks.

Two selections were given by the three Grace sisters, of Manheim.

They were accompanied by their mother. Fifteen missionary boxes were handed in by members of the society.

A display of articles brought from India was explained by Mrs. Whitman.

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Nestey and family.

Miss Shirley Fries visited Miss

Joyce Moses.

SOVIET GENERAL CITED

MOSCOW, Dec. 3 (P)—The newspaper Evening Moscow said today

Major Gen. Peter M. Stefanovsky,

of the Soviet Air Force has been

awarded the title "Hero of the

Soviet Union" for his work as a

test pilot.

ST. PETERS

Mrs. Eva Streck, corr. Carl Reiter, delivery, Phone Pottstown 323.

Mrs. Taylor Strock spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pusey, Belleville, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Strock and daughter, Susan, spent a day in Reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bulhaz and son, Danny, visited relatives in Philadelphia.

Richard Herman shot a deer in the area of Hopewell village.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zerly entertained company from Spring City.

The Rev. R. R. Green and wife, of Germantown, spent a day with Flora Green.

George Erb, Ambler, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hunsberger spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hendricks.

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MORNING

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WBZ 1200 K	CBS 1210 K	MBS 120 K
Morning Serbs	Charles Janssen's	Farmer Jones
Musical Clock	Jamboree	Dawn Patrol
Montreal Clock	Rural Digest	News Music
Montreal Clock	Amos Kirby	Dawn Patrol
Montreal Clock	News: Minnie	News
Montreal Clock	Bugle Call	Comedy
Montreal Clock	Music: Music	News: Mac McGuire
Montreal Clock	News: Musical	Start Day Right
Montreal Clock	Clock	News
Montreal Clock	Music: News	McGuire
Montreal Clock	News: Musical	Morning Extra
Montreal Clock	Clock	Breakfast Club
Montreal Clock	Music: News	Chatter Bar
Montreal Clock	News: Musical	Trip to the Zoo
Montreal Clock	Clock	Key to Japan
Montreal Clock	Music: News	News
Montreal Clock	News: Musical	Gems of Melody
Montreal Clock	Clock	Music Favorites
Montreal Clock	Music: News	Kitchen Kapers
Montreal Clock	News: Musical	Gardie: Heater
Montreal Clock	Clock	Victor Lindlahr

AFTERNOON

12	Gabe Millerand	W. Warr'n: News
1	Lunchlumbers	Aunt Jenny
2	News: Weather	Helen Trent
3	Maday Magic	Our Sunday
4	Health Problems	Big Sister
5	Something Old	De Malone
6	Double or Nothing	Gliding Light
7	Today's Children	Mrs Burton
8	What's New	Many
9	Life Beautiful	Norman Black
10	People Young	Scenes Fun
11	Happiness	Sister & Groom
12	Rockabillies WHA	Try for Fun
13	Stamps Dallas	Ladies Be Heated
14	Lorenzo Jones	Galen Drake
15	Widder Brown	Listen To This
16	When Girl Weds	The Happy Gang
17	Portia Faces Life	News
18	David Plain Bill	Melody Matinee
19	David Plain Bill	Memory Lane
20	David Plain Bill	Adventure
21	David Plain Bill	Superman
22	David Plain Bill	Capt. Midnight
23	David Plain Bill	Tom Mix

EVENING

6	Newspaper Talk	Fred Manners
7	Sports: Weather	Magic Lady
8	As You Like It	Sports: Weather
9	3-Star Extra	Pete Donald
10	Supper Club	Uncle Wip
11	Adventures In Music	John Kennedy
12	Cavalcade of America	Moorehead
13	Voice of Firestone	Samuel
14	Telephones Hour	Jack Smith
15	Dr. I. W.	Edgar Murrow
16	Contented Program	Inner Sanctum
17	Radio City Playhouse	Arthur Godfrey
18	News: Radio Night Club	Radio Theatre
19	News: Orchestra	Music: Sports
20	News: Orchestra	Music: Sports
21	Sports: Weather	Music: Sports
22	As You Like It	Music: Sports
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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE late D. W. Griffith was fond of telling people that in the big Civil war battle scenes of his "The Birth of a Nation" he employed 50,000 extra. When people pointed out that this must have cost him a half million dollars a day for over a hundred days, and marveled "How did you stay solvent?" Griffith would chuckle and say, "I worked out an infallible system. Our soldiers used real bullets."

Talullah Bankhead, touring in Noel Coward's museum piece, "Private Lives," was kept awake one night by a persistent rattle against her window pane. She discovered it to be a piece of metal on the end of a wire and angrily drew it inside and tucked it under her pillow. A few moments later she was sleeping the sleep of the innocent. The next morning she was horrified to discover that the metal piece under her pillow was the LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

Don't Blackwood Then A first trick was followed by the diamond K, spade 10-J-Q, heart A, heart Q covered by the K and ruffed, club 9 finesse, heart 7 ruffed, club 2 ruffed, spade A felling the K, heart J, diamond J and the club 9 ruffed for all thirteen tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem

♦ A K J	♦ K 5 2	♦ A J 10 2	♦ K Q 8
♦ 10 9 7	N	♦ Q 6 4	
5	W	♦ J 9 7 4	
♦ A Q	E	♦ Q 9 6	
♦ K 5 3	S	♦ 6 5 4	
♦ 10 9 7 3			

♦ K 6	♦ 8 6 5 4	♦ 10 8 6 3	♦ 8 7 4	♦ A J 2
♦ K 5 6				
♦ K 4 3				
♦ K 8				

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Local Man's Truck, Driver Missing on Trip to Chicago

Thomas F. Edel, of 832 Queen street, reported to Pottstown police early last night that the truck of one of his trailer trucks is missing.

The combination left Pottstown Thursday night, he reported, operated by an Allentown man bound for Chicago.

Borough police of West Reading told him yesterday that his trailer was apparently abandoned there, but the truck half of the combination was missing. It was the Allentown man.

Edel's check in Allentown showed, he said, that the driver had been home with the truck yesterday, but had left with it at about 3 p.m.

The Pottstown man has sworn out a warrant for his driver before Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, of the Second ward.

Pottstown police sent out a teletype message bearing a description of the red and black truck and of the missing driver.

TOWN HALL —

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cation as a newspaper ended finally on the short-lived New York Graphic where he served as feature editor.

In 1925, Vanderhook began a series of journeys which were to last, without interruption, for more than 12 years.

The first was to the interior of Dutch Guiana among the unique and curious tribes that live in the jungles of northern South America. From this adventure came Vanderhook's first book, "Tom-Tom," a study in essay form which still is required reading in courses of advanced anthropology in a number of American universities.

Season tickets for the five remaining meetings of Town Hall may be purchased at The Mercury office or at the door of the auditorium.

H. C. LESSIG —

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24 years ago, he took a position with the clearing house in the Philadelphia Customs house.

These operations came under the Federal Reserve system a few years after he went to Philadelphia. He remained as an executive with the Federal Reserve until he retired.

MR. LESSIG retained an interest and affection for Pottstown until his death, returning here nearly every summer for his vacation.

He was born in the family's home on King street but spent his boyhood at 54 Chestnut street. Upon his marriage 63 years ago to Laura Milligan, he moved to 126 North York street. His wife died 15 years ago.

His fraternal affiliations in Pottstown included membership in the following organizations:

Excelsior Camp 85, IOOF; Manatawny Lodge 214, IOOF; Canons 6, Patriarchs Militant; Washington Camp 92, P.O.S. A.; Pottstown Nest 1393, Order of Owls; Aerie 626, FOE; Eagle Home Association, and Pottstown Lodge 814, BPOE.

Mr. Lessig was a lifetime member of both the Owls and the Elks.

Surviving are his daughter, Emma Pearl, wife of Arthur Wattis, and three brothers, Charles W. Lessig, Oak and Evans streets; J. Emerson Lessig, 524 North Charlotte street, and Newton K. Lessig, 26 East Second street.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from a funeral home at Eighth street and Hunting Park avenue, Philadelphia.

Interment will be made in White-mash Memorial park.

CHURCH WOMAN DIES
HAVERFORD, Dec. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Amy Paxton Roberts, former member of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and past president of the Ladies Aid society of Presbyterian hospital, died yesterday.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from a funeral home at Eighth street and Hunting Park avenue, Philadelphia.

Interment will be made in White-mash Memorial park.

ACCIDENTS —

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318 High street, escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

The four were going to Narrowsburg to pick up Marshall's parents when the accident occurred.

Although Collegeville State police early this morning still could come to no conclusion on how the accident happened, it appeared to be this way:

The Marshall sedan was traveling in the right lane of traffic when it collided with a sedan driven by George Robertson, Pottstown R.D.

Robertson's car stopped dead in the middle lane of the highway which is three-lane at that point. Its left front was smashed in.

The Marshall car, tipped over on its side, hurtled on turning over on its roof and off the road onto the dirt shoulder. It finally stopped after careening into a telephone pole and snapping it off 15 feet above the ground.

Both left-hand doors were thrown open and ripped off the

Salvation Army Couple Experience Big Day Here

Major and Mrs. C. T. Mackenzie, regional Salvation Army leaders, yesterday addressed more than 150 persons in four separate meetings. Both attended afternoon Sunday school session in Penn Village.

Talked to a young people's meeting at 6 p.m. and Major Mackenzie sang solos at an outdoor gospel service and hymn sing on the corner of High and Charlotte streets.

At the big meeting half an hour later in the citadel, fifty persons witness 14 "decisions," that is, decisions to turn from wrong-doing.

Major Mackenzie spoke on "Cross Bearing."

Although tornadoes occur in other places, they usually are not as violent as those encountered in the Mississippi valley.

THE AIR COMMAND reported

the plane was "ditched" in the sea at 5:06 a.m. (10:06 a.m. Pottstown time) shortly after radioing that

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173-foot patrol boat from Johnston.

should reach the last position given by the plane by 6 a.m. tomorrow (11 a.m. Pottstown time); the cargo ship Zelma at 9 a.m. and the escort carrier Rendova at 11 a.m.

Two engines had failed.

As it went down, the plane sent

an emergency position report, but

cause of high pressure conditions.

air officers said such an estimate

could run as much as 20 miles be-

cause of high pressure conditions.

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Pottstown Mercury SPORTS SECTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1948

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Boston Yanks Upset Eagles by 37-14 in National League Tilt

BOSTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Boston's lowly Yanks wound up their National Football league season in a blaze of glory by breaking a six-game losing streak at the expense of the Philadelphia Eagles, the Eastern division champions, by a 37-14 margin before 9632 diehard supporters today at Fenway park. During their luckless streak, the Yanks took a 45-drubbing from the Eagles in Philadelphia.

While running up the highest score made against the Eagles in their 11 games this season, the Yanks tallied twice as many pass interceptions.

Winger Bill Chipley raced 46 yards into the Eagles' end zone with one of Bill Mackrides' aerials and Joe Golding picked his way for 89 yards after pulling down one of Tommy Thompson's just before the first half ended.

The Eagles, previously beaten only by the Chicago Cardinals, the past year's league titlists, got underway in the most threatening fashion.

AFTER RECEIVING the opening kickoff, Ernie Steele took off for 60 yards to the Yanks' 22. Then Thompson hurried a touchdown pass to Jack Ferrante and Cliff Paxton place-kicked the first of his two conversions.

But the Yanks bounced back immediately and Frank Muchlauer inspired them to their great scoring heights with a 35-yard drive through center for the initial Boston touchdown.

Nick Scollard provided the extra point and the next time the Yanks drove into Philadelphia territory he booted them into a 10-7 lead with a 35-yard placement field goal.

BEFORE CHIPLEY and Golding scored with their second-period interceptions, Phil Slosburg more than sewed up the Yanks' third win in their 12 starts by fading back to his 25 and hurling a pass that Frank Seno caught on the Eagles' 35 before galloping into their end zone.

The Eagles tried 46 overheads and one of the most important of their 11 completions was a 45-yard toss by Thompson that drew a favorable interference ruling. It set the stage for his 18-yard toss to Joe Muha for the other Philadelphia touchdown which reduced the Yanks' lead to 24-14.

With only three minutes left, the Eagles elected to gamble and lost the ball on downs on their 16, from where Frank Nelson passed to Johnny Poto to set the stage for Rudy Rombois' one-foot scoring scam.

The lineup:

FO	Philadelphia	BOSTON	Tyree
LB	MacNeil	Jamison	McGee
LG	Lindquist	Kabatanski	Klutz
DT	Wistert	Wood	OB
CB	Myers	Schmidt	Steels
SHB	Hazellhurst	Golding	Muhu
LHB	Farmer	Godwin	Score by periods:
PT	Muha	Micka	7 7 8 0 - 34
PP	Points	Touchdowns	10 21 0 6 - 37

PHILADELPHIA Scoring: touchdowns—Ferrante, Muha; Points after touchdowns—Patten 2 (placements).

BOSTON Scoring: touchdowns—Muchlauer, Chipley, Golding, MacNeil; Field goal—Scollard (placement). Points after touchdowns—Scollard 4 (placements).

Replacements: PHILADELPHIA—Ferrante, Armstrong, Sears, Savitzky, Douglass, MacNeil, MacNeil, Mardon, McGehee, Schmid, Spiegelman, Davis, Hart, Humber, Prentiss, Thompson, Mackrides, Doss, Pritchard, McHugh, Palmer. BOSTON—Chipley, Nolan, McGuire, Macnica, Batinski, Davis, Roman, Rizzo, Marquardt, Nelson, Stoborn, Potz, Seino, Escoffier.

Score by periods:

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Touchdowns—Patten 2 (placements).

Philadelphia 7, Boston 14.

Philadelphia 14, Boston 21.

Fumbles Hurt Irish in Final Game

Charlie Peterson, Southern California, pounces on a fumble by Terry Brennan, Notre Dame half-back, on opening kickoff of inter-sectional game at Los Angeles. Recovery came on Irish 24-yard line. This was the first of six Notre Dame fumbles recovered by the Trojans and helped the Californians snap the Irish's winning streak with a 14-14 tie.

Four Champs See Action in Ring This Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—One of the best and busiest weeks in boxing since the pugilists were ordered to wear gloves is on tap for fight fans from coast to coast and in England, too.

Four world champions will see action of some sort this week while the leading heavyweight contenders will be belting away at each other in an elimination contest. Out of the bouts featuring the big boys will come an opponent for heavyweight king Joe Louis in June.

The Brown Bomber, himself, will be in there punching Friday.

Louis TAKES ON Billy Conn, the back-kid from Pittsburgh in a round exhibition at Chicago's International amphitheatre. The boys will use 14 ounce gloves but if Conn makes a good showing he will join the parade behind Louis which includes Lee Savold, Bruce Woodcock, Ezzard Charles, Joe Baks, Jimmy Bivins, and Joe Maxim.

Louis, as everybody knows, chilled Conn twice in the early days, including one show that had a \$100 top.

Other champions who will see action this week are welterweight king Sugar Ray Robinson, featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and middleweight titleholder Marcel Cerdan.

ROBINSON is scheduled to take on Steve Bellows in a ten-round non-title bout in Jersey City, N. J., Thursday night.

Saddler, who replaced Willie Pep at the top of the heap in the featherweight class, opposes Eddie Gioia, of Philadelphia, in another ten-round non-title affair at Cleveland Tuesday.

Cerdan faces Cosby Larson in an exhibition tomorrow night at New Orleans.

Jim Foley, fullback and quarterback on the Syracuse football team, is a brother of John Foley, who made the plays for the Orange the past Fall.

Bednarik Acquires Agent to Settle Contract Problems With Pros

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5 (AP)—Chuck Bednarik let it be known "for once and for all" today that he will make no professional football commitments until he is graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

As a matter of fact, Chuck simply can't sign any contract or make any verbal agreement.

That's because he has signed a contract with an agent and it's up to the agent to decide on what's best for Chuck.

The agent is the Rev. John H. Donnelly, 41-year-old Catholic priest with headquarters at Newman Hall on the campus of the university.

Father Donnelly said today that he and Chuck—two-time All-American center—entered into the contract the past May 19.

BEDNARIK, a 233-pounder from Bethlehem, had been plagued with inquiries and feelings for some time and, said Father Donnelly, "things were getting so bad he couldn't do his studies."

He talked things over with Father Donnelly at Newman Hall, where Bednarik makes his home at the university. They decided to sign a contract and relieve Chuck of the problem.

The pact says Chuck can't make a contract or engage as a player or coach in any exhibition or game unless he has the approval of Father Donnelly.

IT SAYS FURTHER that the priest will "exert all influence" to help Bednarik get a "satisfactory contract."

The agreement expires January 1, 1950.

Father Donnelly said that Chuck, under no circumstances, is interested in making any deal now because he wants to play baseball on the Pennsylvania team next Spring. If he makes any professional arrangements, he would be ineligible to play baseball.

Reports have circulated that Bednarik had signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America conference, the club that has draft rights in that loop.

"Absolutely untrue," said Father Donnelly.

He added that the Philadelphia Eagles, draft owners in the rival National Football League, have made no effort to get Bednarik to sign at this time.

JOHN "WILLIE" STEVENS, former Phoenixville athlete who now is an American league umpire and Basketball Association of America referee, was guest speaker.

He said sports writers and officials should work together, pointing out that the scribes would educate the public on rules of the various sports. In that way, the public would understand the game better and the officials would not have as much pressure placed on them.

Writers from Ardmore, Ambler, Chester, Phoenixville, Pottstown, Philadelphia, Norristown, West Chester and Jenkintown attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Chester some time next month.

NORTON got paid not to coach at Texas A & M. In fact, his salary has been taken care of both this season and next. It isn't keeping him from coaching, however, and chances are good that next year he will be back in the big-time.

Norton is the fellow the ex-students of Texas A & M paid some \$20,000 to relinquish his contract.

In view of the events which saw A & M lose game after game, it appears Norton can consider himself a lucky fellow, except that he feels pretty strongly for the youngsters of Aggieland and their trials and tribulations of the football campaign which just finished running its course.

THE AGGIES went winless this year. They never did any of the 14 seasons Norton coached at A & M. Even in 1947, when there was such a hullabaloo climaxed by the exes buying up his contract, and Aggies took three games and tied one of them.

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**IRISH DEADLOCK
TROJANS, 14-14,
STAY UNBEATEN**

Notre Dame Scores in Final Minute to Avert First Loss in 3 Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—Southern California ties Notre Dame, 14-14, and an earthquake follows. That about sums up the whacky finish to an unusually calm football season.

Both the result and quake were totally unexpected and most of the 100,571 fans who saw the upset in Los Angeles' massive Memorial Coliseum, were wondering which gave them the greater shock.

The Fighting Irish, No. 2 team in the nation, had to stage a thunderous finish to gain even a draw in the last minute.

BILL GAY grabbed a Trojan kickoff and raced 87 yards to the Southern Cal. 13-yard stripe. With about 30 seconds left Emil Sitka cracked over from the one-foot line.

Southern Cal., a thrice-beaten outfit and rated at least a 20-point underdog, rallied for 14 points in the last quarter to overcome a 7-0 N. D. lead. The Irish had scored in the second quarter.

Thus Notre Dame's 21-game all-winning streak was broken. But the Irish will start working next season on an unbroken chain of 28 defeatless contests, marred only by ties with Army and with Southern California.

CLEMSON WOUND UP its first perfect season in 48 years on a saner note. The Tigers booked to meet Missouri in the "Gator Bowl" New Year's Day, blanked the Citadel 20-0 to clinch the Southern Conference championship.

In another major contest, Alabama routed Auburn 55-0 in the first football game between the two schools in 41 years. The two Alabama schools had been at odds with each other all those years.

There were several other games on the regular program and seven bowl games.

IN THE REFRIGERATOR Bowl at Evansville, Ind., Evansville chilled a hot Missouri Valley streak by whipping the Vikings 13-7. Missouri Valley had won 41 straight under Coach Verner Ashford.

Toledo made it three victories in a row in the Toledo Glass Bowl by defeating Oklahoma City, 27-14.

Other bowl results included:

FISH BOWL, Hampton Institute 20, Wilberforce 19.

MO-KAN BOWL, Emporia Teachers 34, Southwest Missouri 20.

ORANGE BLOSSOM BOWL, Virginia Union 39, Florida A & M 18.

POTATO BOWL, Santa Barbara 46, Williamette 7.

SALT BOWL, Northeastern Oklahoma A & M 34, Trinidad 0.

Texas Mines, holidaying in Honolulu, whacked the U. of Hawaii, 49-6, as Fred Wende scored six touch-downs and kicked six points after. The 18 points made him the nation's top scorer with 162 points. The Miners play in the Sun Bowl New Year's Day.

DICK DEAN, Norristown Times Herald who held the presidency a few years ago, was elected vice-president. Johnny Nicola, also of the Times Herald, and Hugh McDevitt, West Chester Daily Local, were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Thomas, outgoing president, automatically becomes a member of the board of directors. Others who were elected to the board of directors were Fred Wilson, Chester; Joseph P. Ujvari, Phoenixville Republican; Elmer Panoc, Pottstown Mercury; Hal Keating, Ardmore, and Joseph McMahon, Jenkins.

The members voted to award certificates, to be known as the "Most Worth Award," to persons throughout the suburban area who have done the most to boost athletics and recreation for children.

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PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 5 (AP)—The Paterson Panthers, charter members of the American Football League when it was formed in 1936, captured their first loop championship today by trouncing the Wilmington

Chippens, 24-14.

While a sellout crowd of 10,000 watched, player-coach Al Sherman's

Panthers came from behind once in the first half and again in the sec-

ond chapter to take the title.

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DEATHS - FUNERALS

Funeral services for **MRS. SARAH E. MAJOR**, widow of Llewellyn Major, ROYERSFORD RD 1, were conducted in a funeral home at 600 Washington street, Royersford, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. Reed Teitzworth, pastor of St. James Reformed church, Limerick. Interment was made in St. James cemetery. Bearers were William Knecht Jr., Walter and Francis Pennypacker, Merrill Poole, Ralph Major and Merrill Macnair.

FUNERAL OF MRS. IDA MAE SCHMIDT, wife of Ralph L. Schmidt, 739 WALNUT STREET, ROYERSFORD, was conducted in a funeral home at 367 Walnut street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services in charge of the Rev. Paul J. Henry, pastor of Grace Lutheran church. Interment was made in Zion's cemetery. Bearers were Arthur Beller, Roy McCrone, Ralph D. McCrone, Ralph James Walker and Frank Detwiler.

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State Highway Secretary Leads Speakers At Exercises Opening Royersford Road

State, county and local dignitaries joined to officially open the rebuilt Township Line road, leading from Royersford to Route 422, at a 40-minute program of oratory and music Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with services in charge of the Rev. Paul J. Henry, pastor of Grace Lutheran church. Interment was made in Zion's cemetery. Bearers were Arthur Beller, Roy McCrone, Ralph D. McCrone, Ralph James Walker and Frank Detwiler.

State Senator Lloyd H. Wood cut the tape at the borough line of Walnut street, at the request of State Secretary of Highways Ray F. Smock, following the address delivered by the highway secretary.

A crowd of several hundred residents of the borough and townships of Limerick and Upper Providence attended the event.

WITH L. E. JOHNSON, Royersford, as chairman, the speakers included in order Royersford's burgess, Ralph H. Landes; Fred C. Peters, president of the board of Montgomery county commissioners; Senator Wood and Mr. Smock. Raymond C. Mensch, a member of the board of commissioners; John C. Stackpole, Archdale, district engineer; and James J. Kelly and son, Paul, the contractors, who were introduced and spoke briefly.

Burgess Landes gave a brief address of welcome. Fred C. Peters told how the county commissioners worked diligently to impress upon State officials the need for improving the highway. Senator Wood introduced Ray F. Smock.

The State highway secretary described Pennsylvania highways as the grandest in the world, and attributed their rating to the stamina of the staff of employees of the highway department. With its 40,000 miles of highways, Pennsylvania leads the world, the secretary said.

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Five Men Receive Third Degree Rites In K of C Ceremony

Five men became third degree members of Father Bally Council 1182, Knights of Columbus, in ceremonies yesterday afternoon in St. Paul's parochial school hall, Reading.

They were the Rev George F. Miller, assistant rector of St. Alphonsus Catholic church, Paul P. Kohl, Henry C. Kappes, Frank J. Axsmith and Frank Stock.

A Philadelphia degree team led the two-hour rites, while a group of 15 members of Father Bally council, headed by Grand Knight Peter J. Lawler, were in attendance.

William Lennox, of Philadelphia, a supreme director of the national Knights of Columbus organization, took charge of the degree work.

The five men received their first degree in Pottstown two weeks ago and the second degree in Reading the past Tuesday.

Reading Council 793, Knights of Columbus, was the host organization at a dinner following the degree rituals.

Naturalist Addresses Audience at The Hill

Naturalist Earl L. Hulker described wild life habitats to an audience of The Hill students and faculty members in Memorial hall last night.

Hulker gave a running narrative with color motion pictures taken in the Grand Canyon area and in wild habitats of the eastern United States.

His talk was the first of a series of lectures on varied topics arranged for The Hill personnel.

Diamond Street Property Is Reported Defaced

Mrs. Cordelia T. Renninger, 267 Diamond street, reported to borough police Saturday night that the front of her property had been damaged, presumably by children.

While she was away from the house during the day, she said mud was thrown on the porch and front door, stones scattered about the front pavement, shrubbery trampled and holes dug in the lawn.

Patrolman Robert Schectel investigated the incident.

Gas Fumes in Church Kill 7 of Congregation

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP) — Six children and one adult were overcome today by fumes from a gas heater in the Hollydale Assembly of God church. Firemen said the heater had been left burning overnight.

The children began toppling over as they sat in an upstairs room used for Sunday school classes. One child, eight-year-old Rose Barnes, attempted to leave the room and fell downstairs in a faint.

The overnight fire had depleted oxygen inside the church and no windows were raised as the congregation gathered.

Fire department resuscitator squads administered oxygen to the children and to Mrs. Effie M. Hill 56

Pottstown's Church Calendar

METHODIST
Bethel AME, the Rev. Allison Ode pastor. Tomorrow, young people's choir, 8 p.m.; midweek service, Walter Wilson in charge, 8 p.m. Thursday, Exchange club dinner, 7 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at North Franklin street, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jet Club at home of Leon Mudson, Grant street, 8 p.m.

First, the Rev. Horace N. Okwir pastor. Today, Boy Scouts, 8 p.m. Friday Fellowship dinner in honor of Miss Eleanor Zimmerman, 839 North Franklin street, 8:15 p.m. Tomorrow, Girl Scouts, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, confirmation class, 7:45 p.m.; midweek service, 7:45 p.m. Thursday, children's choir, 6:30 p.m. Chapel choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday evening choir, 8 p.m. Mother's club dinner, Mr. Russell L. Hulker, 7 p.m. Home rule, 8 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. at home of Clarence Pike, 1320 South street, 8 p.m.

Sequoia Memorial, the Rev. James D. Morrison, pastor. Today, official board, 7:45 p.m. Tomorrow, candidates' tea, 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Board of education, 7:30 p.m.

UNITED
St. Andrew, the Rev. Kenneth A. Anderson, pastor. Today, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, Ladies Bible class, 8 p.m. Wednesday, weekly church school, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, church service, 8 p.m. choir, 8:30 p.m. Friday, cathedral class, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Transfiguration, the Rev. Theodore L. Fischer, pastor. Tomorrow, junior catechism class, 7:45 p.m.; athletic association, 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Women's Missionary society, 7:45 p.m. Thursday, chapel choir, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, church service, 8 p.m. Friday, 7:45 p.m. Friday, junior choir, 7:45 p.m., movie night, 7:15 p.m. Senior choir, 8 p.m.

Second, the Rev. Edward L. Butler pastor. Tomorrow, senior choir, 8 p.m. Wednesday, junior choir, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, education committee program, 8 p.m.

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Baptized, the Rev. John L. Smidt pastor. Wednesday, Memorial hospital service, 8 p.m. Saturday, catechetical class, 7:45 p.m. Teachers' meeting, 8 p.m. Thursday, junior choir, 4 p.m.

Emmanuel, the Rev. Luther A. Krouse pastor. Today, church school, 8 a.m. Girl Scout troop commissaries at home of Mrs. Glenn Galloway, 55 West Third street, 8 p.m. Altarum class, Christ service at home of John Quinton, 109 Broad street, 8 p.m. Thursday, Young Men's class banquet at West End banquet hall, 7 p.m. in teachers of nursery, beginners, primary and junior departments meet in Sunday school room, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. School of Christian education, 2:30 p.m. Normal class, 40th anniversary banquet at church, 6:30 p.m. den mother and den mother of Park Street, 4 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in Jefferson Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Mothers' class banquet in Clover Leaf restaurant, 6:30 p.m. choirs at regular times.

Grace, the Rev. cigar S. Brown pastor. Today, Luther league banquet at Blossom restaurant, 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow, senior Bible class Christmas party, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Women's Missionary society, 7:45 p.m. Thursday, junior choir, 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. Ja. Kuehner, 7:45 p.m. Tomorrow, confirmation class in Mr. Cline's home, 8 p.m. Confirmation class in Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, junior choir, 3:45 p.m., senior choir, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Christmas party of Adriel Bible class, 8 p.m.

St. John's, the Rev. Paul C. Scheier pastor. Wednesday, weekday school, 2:30 p.m. confirmation class, 6 p.m. Thursday, choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Confirmation party in congregation hall, 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's, Stowe, the Rev. Paul C. Scheier, pastor. Wednesday, weekday confirmation class, 6 p.m. choir, 7:45 p.m.

Christian Science, 9:00 High street, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. members of Christian Science healing, 8 p.m.

Bible Truth Hall, King and Franklin streets, 7:45 p.m.

First Presbyterian, the Rev. A. Burns Hauck, Jr., pastor. Tomorrow, circles of the church, 8 p.m. Church Extension Fund, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, church membership class, 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m. in Thursday, Missionary service at home of Mrs. Jessie R. Evans, 7 p.m. Project and Franklin, 7 p.m. choir, 8 p.m.

Trinity Evangelical Congregational, the Rev. Donald T. Ford, pastor. Today, official board, 8 p.m. Tomorrow, choir, 4 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m. senior choir, 8:30 p.m.

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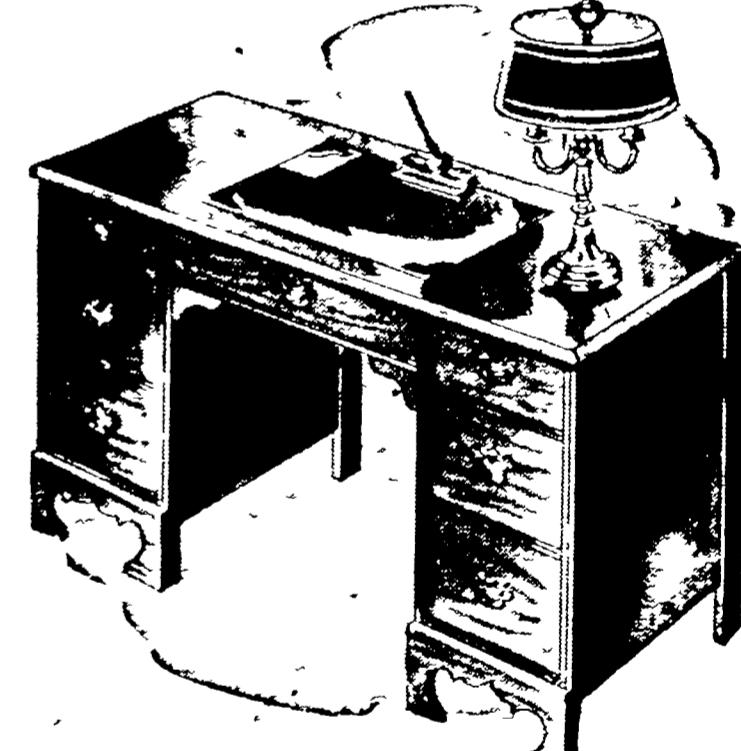
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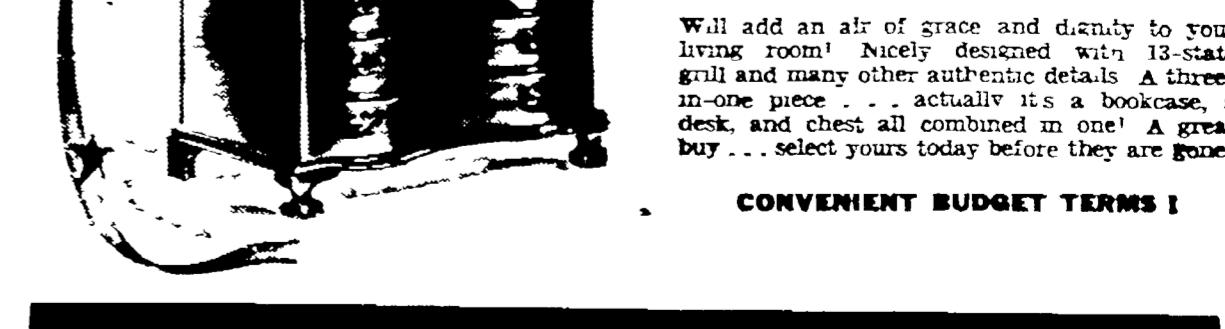


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